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MALAYSIA, BURMA AND SINGAPORE AFFAIRS

INDONESIA

NON-ALIGNED IMAGE TO BE REFURBISHED (SECRET)

THE OVERTONES OF AMB MASTERS' APRIL 12 DISCUSSION WITH  
NEW FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR ARE SOMEWHAT DISQUIETING.  
MOCHTAR SAID THAT ONE OF HIS MAJOR OBJECTIVES WILL BE  
TO BRING INDONESIA'S FOREIGN POLICY INTO A "MORE BALANCED  
POSITION" IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE GOI'S CREDIBILITY WITHIN  
THE THIRD WORLD. HE WANTED US TO KNOW THAT, SHOULD HE  
MAKE "CERTAIN STATEMENTS" IN THE FUTURE, THEY WOULD NOT  
REFLECT ANTI-AMERICAN OR ANTI-WESTERN ATTITUDES OR POLI-  
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CIES AND SHOULD NOT TO BE TAKEN PERSONALLY NOR AS AN  
INDICATION THAT INDONESIA WISHED TO WEAKEN ITS RELATION-  
SHIP WITH THE US. AMB MASTERS SIGNALLED IN RESPONSE  
THAT, WHILE WE ARE BROADMINDED, OUR TOLERANCE FOR SUCH  
SHENANIGANS HAS ITS LIMITS. IT THUS APPEARS THAT OUR  
RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA COULD BE SUBJECTED TO AN EXTRA  
STRAIN AS MOCHTAR SEEKS TO MAKE AN INTERNATIONAL NAME FOR

HIMSELF. IF SO, MOCHTAR'S HISTRIONICS COULD STIR UP

RESENTMENT IN CONGRESS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS FOR CRITICS OF INDONESIA. ONE OF OUR CURRENT ASSETS HAS BEEN INDONESIA'S MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE THIRD WORLD.

MALAYSIA

MCNAMARA VISIT TO MALAYSIA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE IBRD THAT ROBERT MCNAMARA HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO VISIT MALAYSIA FOR SEVERAL DAYS COMMENCING JUNE 9. DURING THE VISIT, HE WILL ACCEPT A TUN RAZAK FOUNDATION AWARD. WHEN PLANS ARE FIRM, THE IBRD WILL INFORM US THAT THE GOM CAN BE ADVISED.

SINGAPORE

COOMARASWAMY-NEWSOM MEETING (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR COOMARASWAMY AT HIS REQUEST WILL CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM ON MAY 3.

THAILAND

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US FIRMS SHOWING RENEWED INTEREST IN THAILAND

WITHIN PAST WEEK, THREE MAJOR US FIRMS CONSULTED COMMERCE REGARDING INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES IN THAILAND. ELI LILLY'S SUBSIDIARY, ELANCO, IS INTERESTED IN MANUFACTURING HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES AND FEED SUPPLEMENTS. BENDIX WANTS TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE TO SELL RADAR AND ALLIED CHEMICAL IS INTERESTED IN BUILDING AN ALUM PLANT FOR USE IN PAPER MANUFACTURE AND WATER TREATMENT. GREEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ALSO INTENDS TO RECRUIT THAI LABOR FOR CONTRACTS IN THE PERSIAN GULF STATES.

COMMENT: THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT MAY SPARK EVEN GREATER BUSINESS INTEREST IN THAILAND AND ELSEWHERE IN SEASIA.

BURMA

BURMA ARMY LAUNCHES MOHEIN IV (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

EMBASSY RANGOON REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT THE BURMESE LAUNCHED ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATION MOHEIN IV ON APRIL 10.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER DETAILS, BUT THE  
BANGKOK POST HAS REPORTED THAT THE OPERATION IS DIRECTED  
AGAINST HEROIN REFINERIES IN THE DOI LANG AREA OF BURMA

ACROSS THE BORDER FROM THE MAI AI DISTRICT OF CHIANG MAI  
PROVINCE. CONG WOLFF HAS CRITICIZED WHAT HE BELIEVED  
WERE PROCRASTINATING DELAYS ON THIS ACTION. CHRISTOPHER

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